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BILL HEADS,
INVITATIONS,
ETC., ETC.
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CURRENT TOPICS.

MEXICO IS TO HAVE AN EXPOSITION IN '92.

A woman won the prize at Vienna for shortland writing.

This first, like the floods, this year are on an extensive scale.

The town of Lee, Mo., has neither lawyer, doctor nor minister.

An electric motor has been applied to running brushes used in grooming horses.

Maychessette in November next will give the Australian voting system a trial.

A pipe line to convey sea water from Narragansett to New York is the latest project.

Southwestern people talk seriously of the project of a railroad from Spokane Falls to Alaska.

Senator Sherman is said to have become a skillful chess player since he went to Europe.

Hessington's monumental statue of Lincoln, which was to be set up in Boston.

A female weighing 800 pounds is on exhibition at Mexico, Mo. It was hatched in Texas.

At Athens, Ga., has a cow that walked on the crosswise over a trestle 60 feet high and 100 yards long.

A monster is on foot to transport the entire population of Iceland, 75,000 in numbers, to Alaska.

Milan O'Brien, ex-King of Servia, has an income of \$90,000, and is usually running late.

The Emperor of China, who is a young and progressive man, is very anxious to make a trip to this country.

Too bright has again appeared in the New York field, threatening the destruction of the whole crop.

London has more than fourteen thousand policemen, a fact that shows that Jack the Ripper is something of an expert.

The baby King of Spain has had a severe attack of cholera infantum. In spite of fourteen doctors he recovered.

Gladiators' speech on the royal grants was caught by a photographer, and will go down to posterity just as he delivered it.

A mercantile house in Philadelphia finds it cheaper to send for customers and pay all train expenses than send out drummers.

During a recent storm a stone weighing eleven pounds dropped from the clouds into the yard of a farmer living near Essex, Ia.

New York papers say that the convicts of that State, who have been in enforced idleness for some time, will soon be put to work again.

A poor old lady of Toronto devotes the profits accruing from the sale of all the eggs laid by her hens on Sunday to the missionary cause.

A New York city court has decided that children can't own pocket money, or if they do, the pawnbroker is liable to a year's imprisonment.

A perfectly sane man in appearance recently entered a theatre in San Francisco. By the end of the third act he was a raving maniac.

The Prince of Wales is petitioning his royal majesty to please retire to her hunting and allow her to hold a throne before it is too late.

Twenty-five years ago Coney Island was a sandy waste. Today there are \$200,000 invested in its railroads, hotels and diverse enterprises.

They are making an attempt to acclimate Connecticut oysters at several places on the coast of Sweden. So far the young oysters have thriven well.

At the Schuylkill United States Arsenal, near Philadelphia, there is manufactured each year 8,000,000 rounds of ammunition and 15,000,000 of rifle balls.

In looking through the papers in the safe, the other day, Russell Sage discovered that he had forgotten a receipt of a railroad out in Iowa that he had forgotten about.

A battleship kept by an Orlando, Fla., jeweler, lived eighteen months without eating. He says that he has been told the snake's misery by chloroforming him.

An English clergyman is reported to have remarked to a daughter of Bishop Huntington: "Has your father many Mormons in his diocese? Utah, I think, is in New York?"

The Empress of Germany will in future be attended by a special bodyguard of the twenty-fourth regiment of the Prussian army, with five colonial sergeants and a commanding officer to match.

Wm. Kilmer, of Concord, Pa., has gooseberries which weigh three-fourths of an ounce each, and says they will grow to be an ounce in weight when the bushes are older. They are an English variety.

A pig elephant has many muscled in his trunk than any other creature possesses in its entire body, their number being, according to Cuvier, no less than 40,000; while the whole of a man's muscles only number 37.

Joseph A. Rosa, an old painter in San Diego, Cal., is one hundred years old. He was sent by General Santa Ana to Monterey to deliver a lecture. He still has a wonderful memory and the control of all his faculties.

A CREEDFUL public is willing to accept, without comment, some pretty tall stories about the various productions of Nebraska, but respectfully begs to draw the line at the prehistoric skeleton with bones stuffed with diamonds big as lima beans.

It is not generally known that Mr. Gladstone has only three fingers on his left hand. The index finger was shot off forty-seven years ago, by an accident in the hunting.

JOHN C. COLLINS, of New York, formerly of Cincinnati, has not been able to sleep, it is learned, for seventeen years. The only inducement to sleep is by repeating the Lord's prayer. He presents a strong and healthy appearance.

House stealing during the past few months has increased to such an extent in Nebraska, that those most interested in the matter have issued a call to revive the old vigilance committee, which ceased to exist over twenty years ago.

JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY, the poet, is building a new house at Hull, Mass., on the site of the one formerly occupied by him. That was said to be nearly 90 years old, and Mr. O'Reilly, who has a love of the old-fashioned, clung to it until it nearly crumbled away beneath his feet.

MISS ALICE DAYTON, of Ellsworth, Wis., invited her lover to her home. He was a young minister of St. Paul. Alice's mother favored another suit of her daughter, and expressed her approval by employing a pair of snail-bark over the young demitise in his new dress suit.

SLEEPER HELD UP.

A Robber With a Slouch Hat, a Gun and a Big Knife

Overcame the Conductor and Porter, Who Surrendered. The Lone Highwayman Helps Himself to a Passenger's Goods.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 9.—The Wisconsin Central passenger train from Chicago, which passed Chippewa Falls, Wis., yesterday morning, was held up and robbed by a single man between Chippewa Falls and Abbotford half an hour before. At the hour named a man entered one of the sleeping cars of the train, commanded the conductor and porter to throw up their hands and then proceeded to go through them, taking all they had. One passenger was also robbed. A shot or two was fired at the porter, but no one was hurt. The robber pulled the bell-rope as soon as he had committed the robbery, and when the train started he fled.

On the escape, no attempt was made to follow him. Jacob Litt, a Milwaukee and Minneapolis theatrical manager, was a passenger on the train, and he had a small amount of money and a watch. He tackled another passenger, but the latter told him the conductor had all of his money. As a matter of fact, however, the man had \$500 on his person.

KILLED BY A SHOTMAN.

Horrible Death of a Boy Who Tried to Cross Under a Street.

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 9.—Chas. Ober, a thirteen-year-old boy, died in a hospital today at his home on Twelfth street, having been killed by a street car.

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TOO MUCH PRESSURE.

On Natural Gas Pipes at Pittsburgh—An Explosion Caused Which Was Serious in Its Consequences—Two Men Killed and a Dozen Injured.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 10.—There was a terrible explosion of a natural gas main on the South Side shortly after 12 o'clock this evening, which resulted in the killing of two men instantly, fatally injuring two more and seriously injuring some fifteen others. The accident was a peculiar one. Both and Flynn were testing a thirty-inch natural gas main which they laid for the Monongahela Natural Gas Company. The workers were testing the main before turning on the natural gas. They ran the pressure up to seventy-five pounds per square inch, when the dead-end on the end of the pipe view out, scattering debris in every direction. Several hundred workmen employed in the iron mills near by were just returning home, and a number of them had passed along the trench to watch the experiment. They were struck by the debris and flying missiles which were hurled about. The pipe was braced by heavy timbers, and these were hurled into the crowd with terrific force. The workmen and spectators were thrown down by the force of the explosion, and one of them was killed. A general stampede followed the explosion, and a scene of the wildest excitement ensued. The bodies of the injured could be heard for several squares. An investigation showed that two men had been killed outright and about fifteen others injured, two of them fatally.

COLORED GIANTESS DEAD.

Probably the largest woman in the world—taken to the hospital on a day—her weight over nine hundred pounds—died today.

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